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THE CITY CAT.

He is goont and thin, with a range elecut,
A directly half are a hunted book;
No some of underly beest from as throat.
As he seek renes in some unit neek.
A safe releved from the world of sin,
And all of its leads and stone and that—
For the live of a cut is a life of sin,
If he is a city cat.

He is grouply and stumpy and old and gray, With a sleeps look in his loosely eye,
(The other he had at a notine se-knowled out by a loos from a window high.)
Wherever he roes, he me ver know a
Construct or have so the malarith spat.
For the interface of his other of hows,
If he is nonly eat.

He is pointed by here if he stirs atmost. He is released by lates if the stars altereal.
He is released by does if the father to comm:
He is related begonn has never thicked
beach the kindly here of the limit of home:
He life at he specially a relates, we good
to believing, back yard feme, and flat;
For the life of a cut is a life outraged. If he is a city cal.

The country out is a different bound, Petrod, well housed, define and sheek,
Three terms a day he to raise the feart,
And why heard he not be quite and meek?
No decause of my bles, time are suit war.
Disturb his says unusule nour the mat;
Ah; cut life is a thing worth living for,
If he isn't a city co.

And even when dead, the city eat.
With stallbut members uneary lies.
In ionic allry way, and seems starring at.
A counter for with his wid, wide eyes.
Not all rains him and nobedy curre.
Author dead "Tom," and who mourns for

If he's only a city est, -Providence Prov.

AN EX-REPORTER'S STORY.

Why Mr. Haddock Went late the Coal Business.

feet, speculating upon the possibilities sponsible for the sentiments of the pasturing mules on the beautiful per: but on that particular night he got long plain between and calculating the square vards of timber in the grand thing in a perfectly reckless manner. I old pine forests in such a way as to was glad of it, for I didn't want any Texas Sifiings.

strip all the pictures means off a landous to share the credit with me. I read scane and leave nothing but a dry the proof myself, and, to make a long Sheleton of facts and figures. Still, with all this, he was, as I have said, a very my hory displayed the next morning.

pleasant and agreeable gentleman. I was a newspaper reporter at the time, and our conversation happened to watch developments; and when I walked drift upon my profession. Mr. Haddock up to the office after breakfast I was

never have thought it."

in an inoffensive way, I told him so, unusual number of backs dashing past, Really, had I been asked to pick out and I noticed with secret joy that they the least imaginative of things, I do were all pointed toward the depot.

around so as to face me and block oil who inquired the way. I directed them, retreat. "I am not surprised, for I but I saw with an eeric feeling that the firmly believe that the event which gentleman who appeared to be the drove me out of the profession drove at spokesman carried a bucket of tar in pire. Below the limit of lines the the same time every spark of fancy and his hand and had a feather-tick under imagination out of my composition, and his arm. filled me with such a dread and horror. "It seems strange to me, now that I above 20,000. The majority of the of such things that, if I have ever in-dulged them since, it has been stealthi-passionately, that it did not strike me an active magistrate or two excepted: Iv. like people sometimes include bad as peculiar that several men in the and so far as we are aware, there is a bubits on the sly

noticed always precedes a reminiscense | were expecting some one; but I was so with some people.

any particular difference to you where; to await my reward. Presently, from and then much of Indian princes wh it was in one of the large Eastern cities, down below, I heard a kind of murmur though. Before this all my newspaper like the sea, only louder, and then a experience had been in the West. Now, man talking at the top of his voice, ap-you may happen to known that out here parently expestulating or explaining there is not that morbid eraving for something. truth that characterizes Atlantic jour-nalism, and I had been taught that a prictor burst into the room. His name straightforward, honest, candid lie, was O'Niel. I can see him now. He well dressed up and tenaciously stuck was a short, fat man, with a ring of to, answered every purpose when news stubby black hair, like a monk's, around was short. I was young, then, enthus his head. He had a copy of the paper siastic, and full of grand, visionary in his hand, and as soon as he saw me schemes of doing something startling, that would make me suddenly famous. -it was something like that of a man At that time I was firmly convinced that | who sits down on a tack and endeavors I was a remarkable genius, and that as to appear unmoved. I tried to look soon as the people in the East found it modest and worthy. politan dailies. I would not, I thought, do you know no did this?" reak the news to them too harshiv or "Yes, sir." suddenly, but dally with them for a "Wno?

ent from what I had anticipated, and so I could see only his hald circle I have had no difficulty dailying. The city alluded to, but I noticed it furned a caller was a cold, soulless eren-deep, royal purple, and the thought ture, who did not have the least hesis struck me that may be the knowledge tancy in boiling down a two-column of having me on the staff for so long flight of fancy to a two line item, and without knowing my merits was going seemed to take great pains to extract to prove too much for him. He bore all the bright, joyous little fictions out up under it, though, and, swallowing a copper coin made in 1777, and one of my manuscript and leave it a barren something in his throat, said, in a calm with the famous words of Finekney Then a stable burned down he can out calm tone it was a column of splendid descriptive mat- "Then let me inform you, sir, that ter about the fire fiend, the furid red tongues of flame, the department being promptly on hand, and the alarm "A rich, prismatic wave of color, ing promptly on hand, and the anarm. "A rich, presmatic wave of color, apples in the same burrel for market, ringing out on the midnight air, that like a piece of a rainbow combining all. Use the odds and ends at home, and would have been considered superb out times, passed over the Niel's bald spot, make as salable packages as possible West, you know, and asked me what in and, lest be might fall in a fit, I took for shipping. - Change Times. the dickens I meant by not telling what the paper out of his hands and pointed street the barn was on and who owned with a triumphant chuckle to the date. In that way he suppressed me and "Don't you know, I cried, gaviy, ore kept me down, but in my beart of that everything goes on April isihearts I was convinced that it was only

"He stated at me for an instant, and

genius and was aware if he gave me the not at all nature), but a kind of a gur-least show I would instantly supercede gling, instances ound, such as you lear a

for an opportunity.

"It so happened that in the latter part of March the city editor went of on a visit and left in his place a very slipeshed fector anneal Perkins, who latter than the latter part of March the city editor went of slipeshed fector named Perkins, who latter than the place is a strain at a fine termine past seriors later at the latter frames have for a strain and state in the feature of the part lar manner to blaze, the idea of getting up a list of April heax struck me like an inspiration, and I adopted it at once. In the course of the day several subjects for it suggested them selves to me, but I rejected them as being too simple or not interesting enough for the people, for you see I was determined to paralyze the entire communities of after years, I have often put these mined to paralyze the entire communities, and saw none of the deep, but ling the advance of the deep little the deep little of the deep.

nity at one fell swoop. Finally I set-thal down on weeking an excursion. "Tremember, as in a dim, maple as an points of advantage.

a decodaid clot, and what a cheerful, sugginary young creature I must have been. I had the wicek occur about four miles from the city, so as to prevent any contradictory reports from getting in too soon. I even hunted up a list of the excursionists, which had been published in a rival newspaper, and, catting it in two headed one-half the mellow autumn, and learned to keen my false teeth in I yowed that if While I was on the train going from Leaviville to Colorado Springs, a couple of years ago, change threw me into the control of the remaind of any life to some of the remaind of

"I didn't go to bed at all that night, remarked:
"I was a newspaper reporter once myself, although, perhaps, you would change, but would tear them open and read like mad: and I knew from seraps To tell the truth, I never would, for of conversation I heard as I passed

men, and, it. I remember, too, that there was an with people, and also at the corner, "Well," he said, squaring himself where I encountered a large delegation

crowd carried long, rough rails, or book in England which gives the inward look, which I have upon the multitude, as though they or of the life and people in them. Ye always precedes a reminiscense were expecting some one; but I was so many of them have histories of two full of joy and satisfaction that I "A good many years ago," he went climbed up to the editorial rooms, feel, ing only that I had succeeded beyond and have long pedigrees and stirring paper published—well, it doesn't make my wildest anticipations, and had only tales to narrate. We hear every nor Then somebody came up

out, I would have no difficulty in getting "Haddock," he said, in a suppressed a job as proprietor of one of the metro- voice, pointing to my article. Haddock,

while, and then, all at once, blaze out. "I, sir."
"Well, I found matters a little differ. "He kept looking down at the floor.1. sir. For instance, one night | I can remember now what a deathly, stamped on its face: "Millions for de

fear, and that he had discovered my then he burst into a wild laugh; it was him. So I bided my time and watched star at a theater make just before h

train that was due early on the morning dream, that the office was full of peoof the 1st, as combining the most ple: I remember that O Niel yelled out points of advantage. Here he is "then of several men sud-"When I come to look back at it dealy peeling of their coats; I rememthrough the lanse of years and mist of her I inquired curiously whether there time. Mr. Haddock went on, in a low, was going to be a light, and of one of thrilling tone, "I know it was, indeed, them replying that some folks might

chever and agreeable companion. He dozen of the victims alive.

Was, however, an extremely practical man, and constantly applied his, no doubt, very praiseworthy business my favor. I had been a little afraid of cold facts. You may not have so much

Unexplored and Unknown.

The English are beginning in a vague way to realize the magnitude of India. Europe west of the Vistala. Few, however, are quite aware of the number of help the State in its battle against other working. German polities are wonder-its cities, or believe that it includes forces which have become more peril-fully methodical and business-like. sixty-two with more than 20,000 people. and twenty-two with more than 100 namely; Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, I believed Mr. Haddock to be the most along that everybody was talking about Hydrabad, Lucknow, Benares, Delhi, na Arra Hanan Cawapore, Labore, Allahabad, Jeypore, Rangoon, Poona, Ahmedabad, Barellla Surat, Howra, and Baroda. We give not know whether I should have selected | 1 was a little surprised, though, to see | them in order of population, but, prop-Mr. Haddock or the multiplication | the street in front of the office blocked | erly speaking, in the English | way of counting, Howra, the Southwork Calcutta, should be included in the capital, which with it contains above 866,000 souls, and is the greatest, as in is live for the wealthiest city in the ser towns become more numerous, and there are hundreds with populations He paused, and his eyes assumed that that there was a weird, solemn hush slightest account of their organization. thousand years, and in all flouriin India are hardly mentioned, and or peducated natives," a searcely percel fible class, but of the true India" as little is known at home as of the eastern provinces of Peru. -Len long

Spectatur.

A Natural Kindler. The Hydrocelice guantifica grows in the l'alkland Islands, as well as it Tierra del Fuego, and is known as the "gam plant," because of a viscous substance it exudes in large quantities this sap is called "balsam," and is used by the natives of the countries where it is found as a poultice for wounds. But its most important property, in their eyes, is the case with which it can be et on fire, even when green and growing-a matter of no slight conseque in regions where rain falls five days out of every six. In the Ealkland I-lands, where there are no trees, the natives often roast their beef over a firof homes - the very bones of the animal from which, but the moment before, the meat itself was stripped and they use the gum-plant to kindle this fire .-Captain Mayne half, in St. Nicholas.

-A com-collector of Brownwood has fense, not one cent for tribute. Capago Times.

apples in the same barrel for market.

Doenot pack several varieties of

There are mountains of salid iron Northern Sweden less than a hundred miles from the Atlantic Ocean. A species Johnson

History Repeating Heelf.

Emperor was compelled to wait in the otter cold for hours, but the object of is visit was achieved by humiliating apologies and soletan promises to do better in the fature and never to dis-ober the Pone, who in these days was throughout all Christendom held to be above kings, princes and emperors, us these the common people. When Bistimeck. a few years ago, was resolved or resolv-ing on a State policy for the new German empire, antagonistic to the fixed policy of Rome, he was reminded of this event in the history of the old German empire and warned by one of the Windthorst or Ultramontane members | do find it on. If you want any work of the Reichstag that history sometimes repeats itself. Strong in his own conand one and contemptions of those who lar ending of it in the visit of the Prince who is soon to become the Emperor of Germany to Pope Leo XIII., not at Canosa, indeed, nor yet in habits to every-day life—reducing the splendid blue mountains we could see an of serutinizing every-out of the window to their height in thing as though he was personally reduced the window to their height in thing as though he was personally reduced to the outwordly ignorations plight of the outwordly ignorations plight of the outwordly ignorations plight of the outwordly ignoration of the difference in the namers and civilization of the times, much in the same spirit. The times, much in the same spirit. that he was at fault in his policy wherein it was insulting to Rome and opposed to the policy and privileges of the Holy Church. It needs no great ke mass of vision to interpret this visit as an advance of the civil and political section of the German Parliament to help the State in its battle against other ous to the Empire than the Church of

The Lily of the Valley.

Rome ever

Caronicle.

which are favorites with every one, and deservedly so, as not only are they deliciously fragrant, but they are unrivaled for their matchless purity and for principles in time of peace. Accountworking up into hopuets. The com-mon English kind is very lovely, but it is excelled by a variety from the Continext which has much larger bells and longer and stouter flower stalks, and is, therefore, a most desirable sort to grow. Those who would have beds of it, and plenty for forcing another year, will find the present a good time to start, as the roots being now on the move, they may be pulled apart and in-creased to almost any extent. The best way to begin is to buy the larger lumps, as these consist of numbers of leaf crowns, each of which may be made to form separate plants if broken off with a portion of the large root at-One of the most suitable piaces to grow lify of the valley is between tall rows of apple trees, as it is a plant that requires shade, it being naturally found in woods, where its ere-ping rid zomes sprend just under the surface of the ground, after the manner of spea grass. Besides the requisite shade, another thing of great importance to the welfare of the lily of the valley is the rich vegetable matter it is so fond of, which may be afforded it in the shape of decomposed leaves and hot-bed manure, and a good dressing of these should be worked into the soil and well mixed up. The readlest way to do this out beds about a yard or so wide, throw out the top three inches of earth, and then dig in the manure and leaf mold. when the plants may be laid regularly over the surface a foot or so apart, and covered by easting the soil over them that has been laid on one side. To act as a mulebing and as a further protection and nearishment to the plants. is a good plan to top-dress the with rotten manure and let it remain for the summer, by doing which a uniform degree of moisture is maintained and the ground kept cool and shaded. Treated in this way, lily of the valley grows very strong and develops fine crowns, and it is only from such as these that flowers can be had. Plants that have been used for forcing, al-though not so good as others, need not be discarded, as they will do for making beds, and should be turned out of beir pots with as little disturbance as possible. A capital situation to lily of the valley, where only a few are required, is close along the foot of a orth wall, where, if the ground is prepared after the manner already described, it will be found to do wonder-

pentine farms.

Evening Amusements.

Away back in the dead conturies of | Roll up a piece of paper so that it the Middle Ages there was an Emperor of the Inner a table as large around as a protein one of the sternest hand; take this between your though and holdest men who ever filled the med two ingers of your right hand be lift to your right ever place the other end between the thumb and first ication of the Engeror by the Pope singer of vour left hand, holding the after a moment's silence, and in the destruction of the localty of back of the mand toward you; keep his subjects, the German warrior was bother a man and honding the back of the mand toward you; keep "Yes, I reskin I will." slipshold fellow named Perkins, who large, and coarse. Here was my chance, and while I was thinking in what particular transported blaze, the idea of getting lar manner to blaze, the idea of getting large was struck me like. Then come with me, he answered, we have something to say to you in the nemocrally solounning. The object of the property of the effect is very course, when you get the title started this importal visit was to get abration to his disobedience and resto-ration to his temporal powers. It was in the dead of winter. Arrived at the easile, which was called Canosa, the

> Then say to the company, "There princes and von sective perfect squares, take away were above three matches only, and beave three perfect spaires. And now is a good time to study elastacters, some will see it at a glance, others look a little while, don't see it, and lose interest in it; others don't see it, and insist on being told the solution; others again don't see it for some time, but stick to it till they cone give it to the latter, they are the kind you can depend upon. Of course you see which matches to remove, the into lower ones on the lower left hand.

having three perfect squares - Circiana i Enpurer.

The German Railways. The total length of the German railways is 30,000 kilometers, or 18,750 En glish miles, of which 29,351 kilometers Henry; but considering the difference are main lines. In the aggregate the in the manners and civilization of the capital value of the German radways is alout 30 (000,000,000 sterlings. The large proportion of 22,178 kilometers out of whole world will recognize this visit as proportion of 22,178 kilometers out of the going to Canesa," an acknowledge the total are State lines, and of this name on the part of the great Chancellor again 15,305 kilometers are owned by Prossia, which, as was lately intimated, now proposes to buy up the elder private lines remaining in that Kingdom at a cost of about 23,000,000 sterling. Refore many years are over it is probable that the German States will own and to comprehend that it contains rulers of the German Empire for a tive, the whole of the radways, and which some fifty millions more people than all co-operation with the Ultramontane is not probable in France, for example will get a large profit out of their

Laxity in the conduct of railways by was -San Francisca State officials, especially Prussian, would no more be tolerated than laxity on the field of battle. The money spent Few plants are more highly prized ment is one of the few instances of than filly of the valley, the flowers of really profitable reproductive State expenditure. Chiefly wanted for strate gical purposes in time of war, the lines are nevertheless worked on commercial are published for the five months ended with May last, from which it appears that the combined railways of Germany had gross traffic receipts of 373,500,000 marks, or nearly 19,000,000 sterling. being at the rate of 45,000,000 per annum: and the increase last year for the five months is £713,000, or 3] per cent. If this rate of progress continues the earlier the Governments of Germany buy up the whole system the better investment the railways will be, for the lines are no source of loss, as it is under State control. - Pall Malt Gazette.

Zealous Men the Successful Ones. As far as natural endowments deterrine, the zealous men are par eminence the successful ones. But they have a besetting sin which, being intrinsic, is therefore, perhaps, not quite a sinbigotry. Except in the case of great creative minds, it is necessary to be somewhat partial in order to succeed attairs. Broad culture is seldom efficient in any immediate way; narrow, intense purpose accomplishes the hard enterprises of the world, and is everywhere at a premium among those who are interested in getting things done. I have a respect for bigots and partisans, and believe that the world owes a great debt to intolerant, one-sid-d men It must have them; it could not rush its reforms, or get its rough, unpleasant work done else. Narrow men are edged men, men of single and deter-mined purposes; and in their purposes they are apt to succeed. The the spirits of insight, really rule all, though they are not always seen to do so; they create the thoughts that direct the world's forces. But they turn over their thoughts to armies of stirring particans, who adjust by force of arms the claims of opposing truths. The philosopher would prefer to wait for evolution, and to let things settle themselves quietly; but the reformers cannot wait for this. So they organize boards, wage religious wars, and piously burn the hes. There is a sad waste of force in these proceedings; but men promise to become wiser in course of time, and meanwhile the machine creaks slowly along, and some progress is made. Titas Munson Coan, M. D.

-Near El Paso, Tex., is the abrupt edge of a mountain range, which is fully believed to be replate with gold. Mining operations in that vicinage have been active for some time past, and those who have invested their time and fully well. -St. Louis Globe-Democrat. -Florida is utilizing convicts on ture money are very sanguine of success - characteristic - Detroit Post. Calcago Jaurual.

How He Won the Squatter.

"Can you tell me when the train comes along here?" asked a travel-stained man of an old fellow who sat on a pile of cross ties near an Arkansas Tall

"Yes, I reckin I kin."

"What time what, mister" -West time does the train come along

el dunno."

"You said you did." -Ithin t

"I say you did."
"Say I didn't."

"What did you say?" "Said I'd tell you when it comes along, an' of both o' us are here when she comes I will, but I reckin yer ken see her as well as I ken."

"You think you are very smart, don't

"Not now. I was right peart till the

rheumatiz sot in.

"Where do you live?"

"I'm livin here, now." "Is this your home?"

3. North

"Then you don't live here?"

"Wall, I don't die here, do 1? Long's I'm here I'm livin' here."

"When the train comes do you suppose I can get on?"
"Yas, if it stops."

"But that's what I want to know,

Will it stop?"

"I kain't tell yer right now, although Final'ers pleased to give to stranger

any information in my power."

When can you tell me?" asked the tranger, evidently thinking that the old fellow was going in search of infor-

"When she gits here."

"Now, say, old man, I don't like to be made game of in this way. You may have nothing to do but sit around and spend your life in joking, but I am thoroughly in carnest. I have come a long distance to vench this road, and I want to leave this wretched country. You would confer a great favor on me by answering my questions in a straight-forward manner. If the train is not forward manner. If the train is not likely to stop at this wood-yard, why then I must walk until I come to a station. Now give me your honest opinion. Do you think that the next train will stop here:

"Now, stranger," replied the old fellow, leaning over and tying his shoe, ever ken talk mighty pitiful, I must allow, an of ver was a preacher it would take all the plank at the saw mill to make a mourners' bench big enough fur ver church. I'd be a mighty man ter hold back any news I've got about this matter, an' bein' as I like yer looks I'll tell ver all I know about these trains.

"I thank you most heartily, sir." "I expect I know as much about these trains as any man what lives in this here

community. I have no doubt of it.

"An' all that I know about 'em stopping here I'll tell yer.'

Well?" "W'y, sometimes they stop an' sometimes they don't. That's all I know."
"I am half inclined to jump on you

and maul you. "Better walk ter the station, stranger, than ter try that. The last man what tried it ain't been able to tend the United States Cou't sence."

"Well, how far is it to the next sta-"Which way? Thiser way or thater

way?" pointing. "Hither way "Well, they'se 'bout the same dis-

"How far?"

"Blame 'fi know."
"Fil be confounded if I stand this.

Come over here and I'll lick you." "Well, of yer wanter whup me wus'n I wanter be whupped, yer'd better come

over here. "I can do it, and don't you forgit it." "Well, ef yer do, I ain't apt ter forgit

it. "I'll try it anyway," and taking off his cont a bottle fell out. "Hole on. What yer got in that bot-

"Whisky." "Then thar's no use in fighten," and throwing out a quid of tobacco, he limped across the track, took a drink, and said:

"Train ain't likely to stop here." Took another drink.

"Closest station's down this way."

Another drink. "Three miles."

Another.
"Make it better. Two an'er half." Still another.

"Go down that an' them niggers will take ver on a han car. Good day, Cap'n. Wash ver well. Ef yer'd nounced yer principles in the fust place thar wouldn't ter been all this argyin'."- Arkansano

-Hops, when introduced into England from the Netherlands in 1524, were regarded only as a means of "spoyling good beer," and in 1528 the city of Lon-don petitioned against coal from Newcastle on account of the stench, and against hops "because they did spoil the national drink." It was not until 1711 that they became subject to duty. day, the British anti-Beer Adulteration Society seems to desire the passage of a law that beer should be flavored with nothing else - Boston Herald.

---Sewing women in New York are naid one dollar for making a dozen shirts and in New Jersey they make coarse hickory shirts for twenty-two cents a dozen. Extravagance is an American